

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY SENATOR ADLEY

CONDOLENCES. Extends condolences on the death of U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Michael Guillory in Afghanistan.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the
3 family of United States Marine Corps Sergeant Michael Guillory upon his death in
4 Operation Enduring Freedom.

5 WHEREAS, Michael Guillory was a native of Pearl River, Louisiana, graduating
6 from Pearl River High School in 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael Guillory, guided by his deep love of his country and feeling
8 a strong need to serve in his nation's armed forces, enlisted in the United States Marine
9 Corps in 2003; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory willingly endured the daunting training it takes to
11 become a Marine, learning and sharpening his skills as he successfully completed the
12 rigorous requirements to become a combat engineer; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory served with great dedication with the engineers and
14 in 2007, he began to train to transfer to the elite reconnaissance community of the Marine
15 Corps; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory successfully completed the tough selection and
17 training process necessary to become a member of the special operations command and with
18 great pride and satisfaction he became a scout of the 1st Recon Battalion, based in Camp

1 Pendleton, California; and

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory continued to push himself physically and mentally
3 as he trained to be a critical skills operator with the Special Operations Battalion of the
4 Marine Special Operation Command; and

5 WHEREAS, he served the Marine Corps and his country bravely for nine years as
6 he completed multiple combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, racking up six
7 tours in the war zones; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory's unique leadership skills and talents were recognized
9 by his superiors and he was rewarded with promotions in rank and his assignments as a team
10 leader and as an assistant element leader; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory loved being a Marine Special Operator but he was
12 also very proud of his work training Afghan forces and his mission of rebuilding Afghan
13 villages in Helmand Province as part of establishing a village stability operation with food,
14 medicine, and other vital supplies; and

15 WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory was conducting a combat resupply mission on
16 December 14, 2012, in a remote area of Helmand Province when the vehicle he was aboard
17 overturned and he was mortally wounded; and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory and his memory will be forever cherished by his
19 friends, fellow Marines, and especially his parents, Gina and Michael Guillory Sr, and his
20 sisters, Jessica and U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Tiffany Guillory.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby extend its deepest and most sincere condolences to the family of U.S. Marine
23 Corps Sergeant Michael Guillory for his sacrifice and service to his country and for their
24 immeasurable loss.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 family of U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Michael Guillory.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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